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REMARKS

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1. On 30 January 1953, a tank firing practice was held at the artillery firing range of the Weisswasser troop training grounds. Eight tanks were in Camp Nohchten. On 31 January, T-34 tanks [redacted] were entrained at the Weisswasser railroad station. A railroadman stated that they were bound for Luebben. Eighty soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying baggage boarded a train toward Cottbus. On 2 February, 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets arrived from the direction of Cottbus and marched toward Nohchten. [redacted]

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1. [redacted] Comment. The same [redacted] reported the arrival of tanks of the 9th Mecz Div on 21 January 1953. [redacted] This report confirms the impression that the units, returned to their posts after short-term firing practices as was observed at other troop training grounds. No confirmation is available that the three tanks loaded on 31 January were bound for Luebben, i.e. for the 91st Tank Regt.

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2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the tanks belong to the 53d Gds Tank Regt of the 6th Gds Tank Div. The train, [redacted] went to Forst Zinna, probably for firing practice at the Werder-Markendorf troop training grounds.

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